



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6305**

LCO No. 3922



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT PROHIBITING HUNTING IN PROXIMITY TO WILDLIFE PRESERVES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 26-67c of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection  
5 shall maintain a record of all written complaints received by the  
6 department of violations of the regulations concerning hunting in  
7 proximity to buildings occupied by persons or domestic animals or  
8 used for storage of flammable or combustible materials or the  
9 regulations regarding shooting towards persons, buildings or animals.  
10 The commissioner shall hold a hearing at least once annually, in  
11 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, at which changes in such  
12 regulations for particular localities shall be considered. The  
13 commissioner may amend such regulations for a particular locality  
14 where he finds that: (1) The physical setting of a particular locality  
15 presents an unreasonable risk that hunters may violate the regulations  
16 regarding hunting in proximity to buildings occupied by persons or

17 domestic animals or used for storage of flammable or combustible  
18 materials or the regulations regarding shooting towards persons,  
19 buildings or animals; [or] (2) a record of documented complaints  
20 reveals that violations of such regulations occur with significant  
21 frequency; or (3) the physical setting of a particular locality presents an  
22 unreasonable risk to animals located in a wildlife sanctuary.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |  |  |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 26-67c(a) |
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To authorize the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to amend hunting regulations for certain localities where such hunting poses an unreasonable risk to the animals in a wildlife sanctuary.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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